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SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR 1979 WORLD GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE
RADIO CONFERENCE

REF: (A) STATE A-377, (B) RABAT A-18

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY AIDE MEMOIRE
AND CONTACTS REPORTED REFAIR, EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING
RESPONSE IN FORM OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY
(UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION, UNESSENTIAL WORDS OMITTED):

2. BEGIN TEXT: MINISTRY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
PRESENTS COMPLIMENTS TO EMBASSY OF UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AT RABAT AND, REFERRING TO EMBASSY'S AIDE MEMOIRE CONCERNING
PREPARATIONS FOR THE WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE
IN GENEVA IN SEPTEMBER 1979, HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM THE
EMBASSY THAT THE MOROCCAN MINISTRY OF POST, TELEGRAPHS, AND
TELEPHONES AGREES TO BILATERAL MEETINGS BETWEEN AMERICAN
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND THOSE OF THE PTT RELATIVE TO
PREPARATIONS FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE. THE PTT MINISTRY
NOTES HOWEVER THAT THESE DISCUSSIONS MUST TAKE PLACE WITHOUT
DEFINITELY ENGAGING THE PTT WITH REGARD TO FINAL POSITIONS
TO BE TAKEN BY THE PTT AT THE CONFERENCE. MEETINGS COULD TAKE
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PLACE IN RABAT DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1978. THE MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THE AMERICAN
EMBASSY WOULD KEEP IT INFORMED OF ITS PLANS IN THIS REGARD
(FORMAL CLOSING). DATED RABAT, 30 MAY 1977.
END TEXT. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. COMMENT: BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. WHILE STATE A-377 NOTES

INABILITY U.S. TEAM TO TRAVEL TO ALL COUNTRIES, IT ALSO INDICATES RECEPTIVITY TO CONSULTATIONS WILL BE FACTOR IN SLECTING TARGET COUNTRIES. MOROCCO IN GENERAL WELCOMES CONTACTS WITH USG. PTT IS MOREOVER ENGAGED IN MAJOR EXPANSION PROGRAM, AND WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO OUR COMMERCIAL EFFORT TO PENETRATE MARKET IF MEETINGS WITH U.S. TEAM CAN TAKE PLACE HERE. MEETINGS WOULD ALSO TAKE PLACE DURING PHASEDOWN OF FORMER TELECOMMUNICATIONS LINK OPERATED BY U.S. NAVY IN MOROCCO AND WOULD PROVIDE WELCOME GESTURE OF CONTINUED USG INTEREST IN COLLABORATION WITH MOROCCAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITIES ON CIVILIAN PLANE. COUNTRY TEAM THEREFORE URGES THAT FULLEST CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO ACCEPTING MOROCCAN INVITATION FOR TALKS IN RABAT. END COMMENT. END CONFIDENTIAL.

4. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. PLEASE CONFIRM U.S. PLANS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT GOM CAN BE INFORMED PER FINAL PARADIP NOTE.
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